

known, namely the type of *Ps. canescens* at Paris, of *Ps. Bernsteini* and *Schlegeli* at Leyden, the specimen figured by Peters and Doria as *Ps. Bernsteini* at Genoa, and that now described as *Ps. Forbesi*. All these specimens I have myself examined and compared directly with one another; and for this advantage I have most sincerely to thank Prof. Pouchet, of the Paris Museum (Anatomie Comparée), and the Marquis G. Doria, of Genoa, both of whom sent me the valuable specimens under their respective charges, and Dr. F. A. Jentink of Leyden, by whom I was kindly permitted to study those there preserved.

XVIII.—*Diagnoses of two new Fruit-eating Bats from the Solomon Islands.* By OLDFIELD THOMAS.

*Nesonycteris Woodfordi*, g. et sp. n.

Very similar, both in external and cranial characters, to *Melonycteris melanops*, Dobs.\*, but with the face and whole of underside uniformly rufous, like the back, instead of being variegated with black and white, with no white spot at the insertion of the wing-membrane, with a longer slenderer muzzle and shorter smaller ears, without any trace of a claw on the index-finger, and, finally, with only one instead of two incisors on each side of the lower jaw.

Dimensions of an adult male (skin):—Head and body (c.) 100 millim.; head 35; muzzle 15·0; ear (from notch at base) 11·0; forearm 55·0.

*Hab.* Shortland and Fauro Islands, western part of Solomon group.

Two adult skins (male and female), and a young specimen in spirit, of this highly interesting bat were obtained, together with a considerable number of other Solomon-Island animals, in April and May 1886 by Mr. C. M. Woodford, after whom, as its discoverer, I have considered it only fitting to name the species.

*Pteropus grandis*, sp. n.

Size large; ears long and pointed; interfemoral membrane very narrow in the centre, concealed by the fur. Face, back, and centre line of belly black; neck, throat, and sides of body below dark maroon-red; rump and back of tibiæ rich orange-yellow.

Length of forearm (♂) 170 millim.

*Hab.* Shortland Island (C. M. Woodford).

\* P. Z. S. 1877, p. 119, pl. xvii.